



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

We hope you have all enjoyed a lovely Easter break with your children, spent some time with your family and friends despite the showers but enjoyed the sunshine.

We look forward to beginning our final term of this academic year and I know there are lots of engaging activities planned with your children. This term it is the turn of year 5 and 6 children to gain experience of Forest Schools with Mrs Harrison and Mr Jessop, starting with Year 5 next half term. Please ensure you sign and complete the consent form your child will bring home.

Please make a note of our remaining INSET days this academic year. The first one is on Friday 26th June and 27th July. School is closed for all children on these days.

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POINTS MAKE PRIZES!!!!!!

Last half term may have been quite short but the children collected nearly 12,000 house points with their excellent behaviour and attitude to learning.

The final points were;

St Alban – 2,964 points

Blessed Cyprian Tansi – 2,921 points

St Therese of Liseux – 2,894 points

St Joan of Arc – 3,007 points

Children in St Joan of Arc House will enjoy their prize afternoon this Friday.

WORD OF THE WEEK: Mercy

Mercy is God's love and forgiveness in action. We see this gift in a powerful way during Eastertide as we remember what Jesus did for us out of love. This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday and it is a reminder that we must be merciful to others, just as God is merciful with us.

Try and be merciful with everyone you meet this week, just as God is merciful with us.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Girls Football (Yrs 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Orienteering (Yrs 1, 2 and 3)	All day 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Mixed Football (Yrs 1, 2 and 3)	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Boys Football (Yrs 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

YEAR 6 SHARE JESUS' GREATEST SACRIFICE

Year 6 led us in scripture, reflection, prayer & song sharing the events of Holy Week. They shared the excitement as Jesus entered Jerusalem until His death on the cross. Jesus washed the disciples' feet as an example of serving, we think about how we too serve others in His name.



ATTENDANCE SHOUT OUTS!!

Our Education Welfare Officer, Miss Bradshaw, monitors attendance daily and continues to make home visits to support parents to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time.

Congratulations to year 3 who achieved above our school target of 97% for the Lent term with 97.3%. Well done to Year 4 with 96.66%, Year 5 with 96.45% and year 1 with 96.43%.

School Matters!



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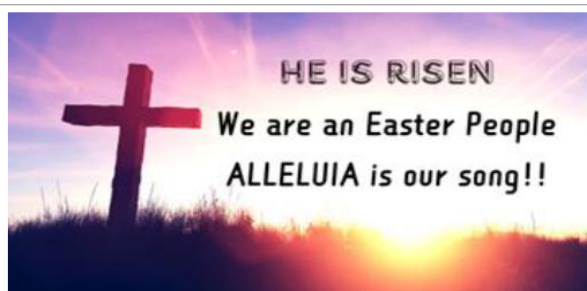
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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
13 th April	17.04.26 St Joan of Arc House point winners Treat	13.04.26 Whole School COTW – Mercy	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
20 th April	22.04.26 Earth Day 22.04.26 Year 5 Hagg Farm Residential	20.04.26 Eastertide Mass 9:30am	
27 th April		27.04.26 Whole School Colour Dash Assembly 01.05.26 Celebration Assembly 2.30pm	
4 th May		04.05.26 Whole School COTW – Witness 08.05.26 Celebration Assembly 2.30pm	
11 th May	11.05.26 Year 6 SATs week 12.05.26 Dental Health Survey for 5 year olds	11.05.26 Whole School COTW – Example 14.05.26 Ascension Day 15.05.26: Celebration Assembly 2.30pm	
18 th May	18.05.26 Becket Staff visiting Year 6 22.05.26 Colour Dash Event	18.05.26 Water Safety Assembly 22.05.26 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	
25th May	HALF TERM		
1 st June	Year 4 Times Table Checks 03.06.26 Year 6 Transition Meeting at the Becket 5.30pm 05.06.26 House Prize Afternoon 07.06.26 First Holy Communion Mass	01.06.26 Whole School COTW – Trinity 03.06.26 St Joan of Arc Feast Day	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
8 th June	Phonics Screening Check throughout the week 14.06.26 First Holy Communion Mass	08.06.26 Whole School COTW – Eucharist 12.06.26: Celebration Assembly 2.30pm	
15 th June	19.06.26 Awful Egyptians Year 5 Theatre Visit 19.06.26 Year 4 and 6 visit the Tennis Centre	15.06.26 Whole School COTW – Forgiveness 19.06.26: Celebration Assembly 2.30pm	
22 nd June	26.06.26 INSET Day- School is closed to all pupils. 27.06.26 Parish Summer Fayre	22.05.26 Whole School COTW – Acceptance	
29 th June		29.06.26 Whole School COTW – Follow 03.07.26: Celebration Assembly 2.30pm	
6 th July	06.07.26 Transition Day in school 06.07.26/07.07.26 Year 6 Visit The Becket 09.07.26 Life Education visit for years R-Yr 4 09.07.26 KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm 10.07.26 EYFS/KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm		
13 th July	15.07.26 Year 5 Visit The Becket 8.30	13.07.26 Whole School COTW – Gratitude	Report Open Evening
20 th July		20.07.26 Leavers Mass 20.07.26 Family Picnic 12.30pm 23.07.26 Achievers Assembly 24.07.26 Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am	
27th July	SUMMER HOLIDAYS		



KS2 Parent Reminder

Increase to dinner prices. As from the 13th April, there will be an increase to the cost of school dinners. The increase is 10p. The cost of the new school dinners will be £2.70.

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PARISH NOTICES:

Holy Hour for Life next Sunday

On Sunday, 19 April at 4:30 pm the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands. They have asked the parishes across the country to unite and hold a Holy Hour on the same day as the Bishops. This is to present a unified, prayerful front to offer this petition to Our Lord for the dignity of life from conception to natural end and to pray that assisted suicide will not become law. Please come to spend an Hour in the Lord's presence thanking God for the beauty of our human life and its inherent dignity.

The Holy Hour will be held in Sacred Heart from 4.30pm to 5.30pm ending with Solemn Benediction.

Newsletter: if you would like to receive the weekly bulletin online, please email ccen@diocesofnottingham.uk

Parishioner Registration Form: if you are new to the parish, don't forget to complete and return a registration form from church or visit our website for the on-line form.

Francis House are looking for volunteer gardeners to help keep the grounds at Francis House next to Our Lady & St Edward's tidy. If you could offer a few hours over the month, please contact kellyharrison@emmanuelhouse.org.uk for details and what's required. Thank you.

St Augustine's hall update: thank you to the recent generous donations totalling £4800 to St Augustine's Hall refurb. We have managed to pay off the loan!!! Our next project is to refurbish the toilets and kitchen – we are awaiting quotes - could you recommend a builder to give us a quote for this project? If so, contact the office. Our presence in the St Ann's area is vital. Do you live in the area? Could you be part of a team to oversee and help organise funding?

Refreshments after Mass: We have refreshments after Mass at all churches. Do come in the Community Centre after Mass and enjoy a cup of tea, coffee or juice. Watch out for our themed events after Mass on a Saturday, all welcome.

Children's Liturgy will continue as usual in Sacred Heart Community Centre during our Sunday Mass on Saturday in term time - next one is next Saturday **18th April**. Bring them along before Mass begins at **4.45** and they will join you during the Offertory as usual. Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) allows children to hear and reflect on Sunday Gospel readings at an age-appropriate level during Mass and it includes simplified proclamations, discussions, prayers, and activities. Leaders read the Gospel in an accessible way, often followed by a short discussion or reflection. Sessions often include songs, activities, or worksheets that reinforce the weekly message and focus on compassion, hope, and understanding the faith.

This week:

- **Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's:** this Wednesday 12 – 3 All Welcome.
- **Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre:** this Thursday 12 – 3 All welcome
- **Meditation Group:** no meeting this Thursday

Wednesday Word: Resource for children on the Gospel. Special Easter edition: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/holidaybooklet?pid=MTA101634&v=167.5>

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY - Sunday April 12th, 2026, at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Brooklyn Rd, Bulwell Nottingham NG6 9ES. The celebration begins at 2.30pm and ends with Benediction at 3.45pm. Talk given by Rev Evarist Kaniki. There will be three priests available after the service for 1 hour for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We invite you to join us for this great feast. For more information ring Madeleine 0115 9277893 or Teresa 07733224700

Coming up:

Baptism course: Saturday 25th April 10am-12 noon at Sacred Heart Community Centre. Please take a Baptism Pack from the back of church and return to the office before this date to register.

Priestly discernment on-line course: run by the Nottingham Diocesan Vocations director, Fr Neil Peoples. For more information including the Zoom link contact: vocations@diocesofnottingham.uk or telephone him on 01773 4483076. Meetings begin Wednesday 22nd April 2026 7 pm on zoom.

RED MISSIO BOXES: If you have a Missio Box, could you please bring your box for emptying to the Sacristies or hand to Bernadeta Gabb, at St Augustine, or Jenny Baptist at Sacred Heart on or before week ended 26th April. We are still looking for a volunteer at Our Lady & St Edward's – this involves counting and bagging the coins ready for banking and liaising with Missio (training given by them), contact the office if you are interested. If you do not have a box and would like one, there are spare boxes available at the back of the church or please ask for one. Alternatively, you can make donations by standing order, please ask for a form.

In 2025 Holy Family Parish sent off £1156 from the Red boxes. Thank you. Total donations £2692. Our missionary community here at Holy Family, is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Visit missio.org.uk for more info.

Minding your children: Parents are responsible for the well-being of their children during the celebration of Mass. Please do not allow your child to run around the church as there are so many sharp edges that they can hurt themselves on. If your child gets a little noisy, please use the designated spaces, the entrance at Our Lady & St Edward's, the hall at St Augustine's & St Bernadette's Room in Sacred Heart, to have a little time out from Mass. Also please do not block any of the entrances/exits in church with pushchairs as these may be needed in an emergency. Thank you for your assistance in helping keep our communal spaces – churches and parish halls – a safe and enjoyable space for all.



CONGRATULATIONS TO

All our pupils who were recognised by their teachers during the Lent Term and were awarded Achiever of the Half Term. Kind, resilient, hardworking, happy, determined, immense, consistent are just a few of the many words used to describe you. **Well done to Leon, Asher, Chimmy, David, Milan O, Rebecca, Filip and Kian. As it was the end of a full term, I awarded Eva Joy with the head teacher award.**

Lots of children were awarded at least 100 house points over the term and achieved their Bronze Award. Congratulations to:

Nuala, Alan and Julia

Huge congratulations to all those children who were awarded 250 house points to gain their silver award. Congratulations to **Dinah, Chimereze, Asher, Kezia, Rosie, Temi, Huruy, Amelia, Saoirse, Jason O, Tiara I, Bianca, Kaden, Livia and Lanaore, Faustina, Tony and Holly, Orlaith, Maria, Omolola, Tiffany, Iveira, Oakley James and Luis, Anna, Milan O, Imelda, Joyce, Adiel, Alicja, Alice, Isabel, Emmanuel, Anaija, Andrei, Jolie, Seweryn, Mila and Havana, Sophie, Eliash, Alex, Nrayah, Michal, Rozalia, Grace, Amara, Melva, Alessia, Rey, Sinead, Liam, Blanka, Michelle, Lisa-Marie, Joseph, Patrick, Abduol, Sheila, Mlat and Tsebaot, Bryan, Orlaith, Filip, Daisy, Majka, Sophie, Eva, Zofia and Dorian, Kian, Oskar, Hermela, Alex, Thomas, Philip M, Leo, Timi, Matthew, Isabella, Charlie, Scarlett, Martin and Elijah.**

We also have some children who have been awarded 400 house points to gain their gold award. Congratulations to **Thea, David, Chiwetara, Nell, Medet and Rebecca, Chiamaka, Zina, Evelyn, Roman and Gabi, Valerie and Eva Joy.**

Class teachers have been checking your children's organisers each week to identify who has been reading at home at least three times per week, these children were awarded with a certificate to celebrate their hard work. These are our findings

Nursery- 16 out of 23= 70%

Reception- 22 out of 30 = 73%

Year 1- 8 out of 30 = 27%

Year 2- 3 out of 30 = 10%

Year 3- 14 out of 32 = 44%

Year 4- 14 out of 32 = 44%

Year 5- 9 out of 32 = 28%

Year 6- 12 out of 32 = 38%

Thank you to the families who have supported this. We hope you see the positive impact you are making on your child's progress.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Saturday 11th April	9.00am; Mass	Mass in HMP Whatton
Saturday of the Easter Octave	2.00pm; SH	Marriage of Bryan and Elizabeth
Mass of Sunday	5.00pm Mass; SH	For the People
Sunday 12th April	9.00am Mass; OLSE	José Preira RIP
Second Sunday of Easter	11.00am Mass; STA	Jimmy Donovan RIP
Divine Mercy Sunday	11.00pm Mass; SH	Italian Mass
	2.00pm; SH	Baptism of Alfred
Monday 13th April	9.30am Mass; OLSE	Anna Khuong Le RIP
	5.00pm; OLSE	Reception of the Body of Dominic Kelly RIP
Tuesday 14th April	10.30am Mass; OLSE	Requiem Mass for Dominic Kelly RIP
Wednesday 15th April	6.00pm; SH	Exposition and Confessions
	7.00pm Mass, SH	David Jandrell RIP (Anniv)
Thursday 16th April	9.30am Mass; STA	Pauline Lunn RIP
Friday 17th April	9.30am Mass; SH	Anthony Garibaldi RIP
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Saturday 18th April	5.00pm Mass; SH	Anna De Rosa RIP
Mass of Sunday		
Sunday 19th April	9.00am Mass; OLSE	For the People
Third Sunday of Easter	11.00am Mass; STA	Paul Bowe RIP
	11.00pm Mass; SH	Italian Mass
	4.30pm; SH	Holy Hour for Life

Congratulations to the winners of the Bookmark Challenge that was set by the Year 5 Librarians earlier in the term. The winners all received an Easter egg to celebrate their achievements.

Nursery- Joel and Leon

Reception- Bianca and Myles

Year 1- Thea and Lanoala

Year 2- Joseph and Chicago

Year 3- Imanie and Milan O

Year 4- Sinead and Joseph

Year 5- Lilly and Adam

Year 6- Valerie and Elijah

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